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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Moore on October 8, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 77-83 are cancelled.

In claims 1, 12, 13 and 99, in the third line, --having—has been inserted before “at least about”.

In claim 104, the following have been deleted:

“(i)”

“(ii)”, and

“(iii) the virus of claim 39, or (iv) the host cell of claim 40”

In claim 104, the second line, --or—has been inserted after claim 1.

The following claim is added:

Claim 105 (new) A kit comprising, in suitable container means, (a) the virus of claim 39 or the host cell of claim 40; and (b) instructions for using said kit.

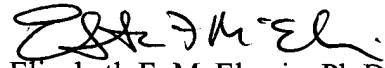
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Please note that the claims will be renumbered in order for publication. The claims will not be renumbered as presented by applicant in the "Reorganized and Renumbered Claims" attached to the faxed amendment of October 8, 2004.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth F. McElwain whose telephone number is (571) 272-0802. The examiner can normally be reached on increased flex time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amy Nelson can be reached on (571) 272-0804. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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